Outcomes from the 2016 Meeting
25th – 27th April 2016
Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa

RDA Board

In attendance:
Amelia McKenzie, National Library of Australia
Beacher Wiggins, Library of Congress
Chris Oliver, representing the Canadian Federation of Library Associations
Diane Beattie, Library and Archives Canada (Items 1-13)
Don Chatham, American Library Association
Gordon Dunsire, Chair of RSC
James Hennelly, American Library Association
Mary Ghikas, American Library Association
Neil Wilson, British Library
Simon Edwards, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals **(Chair)**
Ulrike Junger, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek
Valoree McKay, Canadian Library Association

ALA Publishing update
Board noted continued good renewal rates, the new Licensing Fee Policy for Translating RDA for Print and the launch of RDA Essentials.

Report from the Co-Publishers and Trustees
Board noted the intention of the Canadian Federation of Library Associations (CFLA)to take over Canadian Library Association's interest as a Co-Publisher and Copyright owner of RDA.

Report from RSC
Board noted the reports submitted to RDA Board (including the Annual Report from RSC) and in particular the key areas for discussion and decision.

- A change to the policy to allow for an additional night stay in advance of a meeting dependent on the number of time zones difference was approved.
- A change of policy from unanimous agreement/common consent to majority vote but with collective responsibility was also approved.

RSC were thanked for their work in 2015.

Governance review
The RDA Board approved the final package of changes which outlines how the current structure will gradually be implemented over the next three years. This included the following key outcomes:

- The overall definition of a National institution will be "a national agency which has implemented RDA or will have implemented RDA within a calendar year." The RDA Board will publish guidance as part of the selection process to provide sector specific definitions of the National Agency. For libraries, RDA Board will use the IFLA definition for the National Bibliographic agency.
- A role description for National Institution representatives was determined.
- National Institution representatives will be appointed to Board by an application and selection process.
- National Institution representatives will serve for three years. To aid transition to rolling terms, currently represented regions will have the following initial terms
  - North America: 2017-19
  - Europe: 2017-21
  - Oceania: 2017-2018
- RDA Board will begin to identify where there are eligible National Institutions in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.
- A set of requirements for regional representative bodies and the minimum requirements for the regional representative to RDA Steering Committee were developed.
- The following roles will be appointed by an application and selection process and will usually serve for four years. However to aid transition they will have the following initial terms:
  - Chair of Steering Committee: 2016-2018
  - Wider Community Engagement Officer: 2017-20
  - Technical Team Liaison Officer: 2017-21
  - Examples Editor:2017-18
  - Translations Team Liaison Officer: 2017-19
- The Board will carry out proof of concept project to test a new online collaborative workspace for the RDA community.

The RDA Board and Steering Committee are working with current constituents in Europe, North America and Oceania to support them in the creation of a suitable regional structure. The European RDA Interest Group (EURIG) is the first regional body to make the transition and will take up their place on the RDA Steering Committee at the 2016 meeting in Frankfurt.

Toolkit reorganisation project
Board noted the context for the project and progress in initiating the project. It is intended that a full plan will be developed for Board approval by September.

Outreach to RDA communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Asia
RDA Board discussed how they might take a strategic approach to outreach for those regions not currently represented in the RDA governance structure. It was suggested that the

Marketing and Outreaching Working Group would be well placed to develop a strategic approach to this work.

RDA Satellite Conference
Board noted that there was to be an IFLA WLIC Satellite Conference on RDA: RDA in the Wider World, OCLC, Dublin, Ohio, 11th August 2016.
http://www.oclc.org/en-CA/events/2016/ifla-2016/rda.html

RDA Hackathons
Board noted the huge interest and success of the Hackathon concept and the value of hackathons in achieving outreach to targeted communities, creating interest in FRBR and by extension RDA. They noted that Gordon Dunsire would be working with MMA and TMQ to create a toolkit to support others who wish to host a hackathon.

All of the data from previous Hackathons is available on the Rballs.info website (http://rballs.info/).

Standards and Accreditation
A query regarding the status of both AACR2R and RDA as NISO accredited standards had been received. Whilst the query had been dealt with, it was agreed to discuss whether this was something that should be sought in future.

National Library representatives confirmed that they did not feel the need to do this. Achieving and maintaining NISO accreditation is a time-consuming process and National Institution representatives felt the cost could not be justified against the benefit.

RDA: The value proposition
Board held a useful discussion aboutthe basic value proposition of RDA. Key propositions considered were:
- Changing workflows
- Making policy decisions about the methods for cataloguing
- Increase in quality and long term value
- Long term savings
- Quality of resource discovery
- Improving efficiencies
- Quality assurance and saving key strokes
- Automating cataloguing procedures
- Productivity

Board agreed to create a package of work to review the value propositions; developing different case studies to demonstrate use cases and to consider a neutral approach to measuring productivity.

National institution report templates
The RDA Board discussed the purpose of the National Library updates. It was agreed that, in the future, the National Institution Rep should send a call to the region asking for feedback to help the development of a report that covers:
- Intelligence regarding adoptions, planned adoptions and interest
- Innovation practice – how they are using RDA,
- Basic production and output details eg number of records per year, have you seen any trends worth of noting – reduction of costs, changing and more efficient workflows, number of staff undertaking records, number of records added to the national bibliography (resource)

This will be tested at the 2017 Board meeting.

Review of Strategic Plan and Activities
The Board reviewed the strategic plan and 2016 activities. Simon Berney-Edwards will review the plan and amend accordingly for 2017.

Next meeting
The next face to face meeting of the RDA Board will take place in London in May 2017.

The Library and Archives Canada team were thanked for their hospitality and excellent organisational skills.